



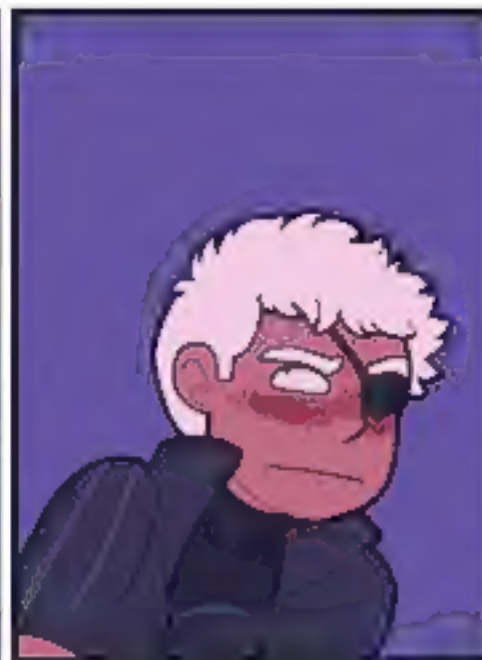
CHAPTER 34

**TWO WEEKS
BEFORE THE BOAT
WAS DESTROYED**

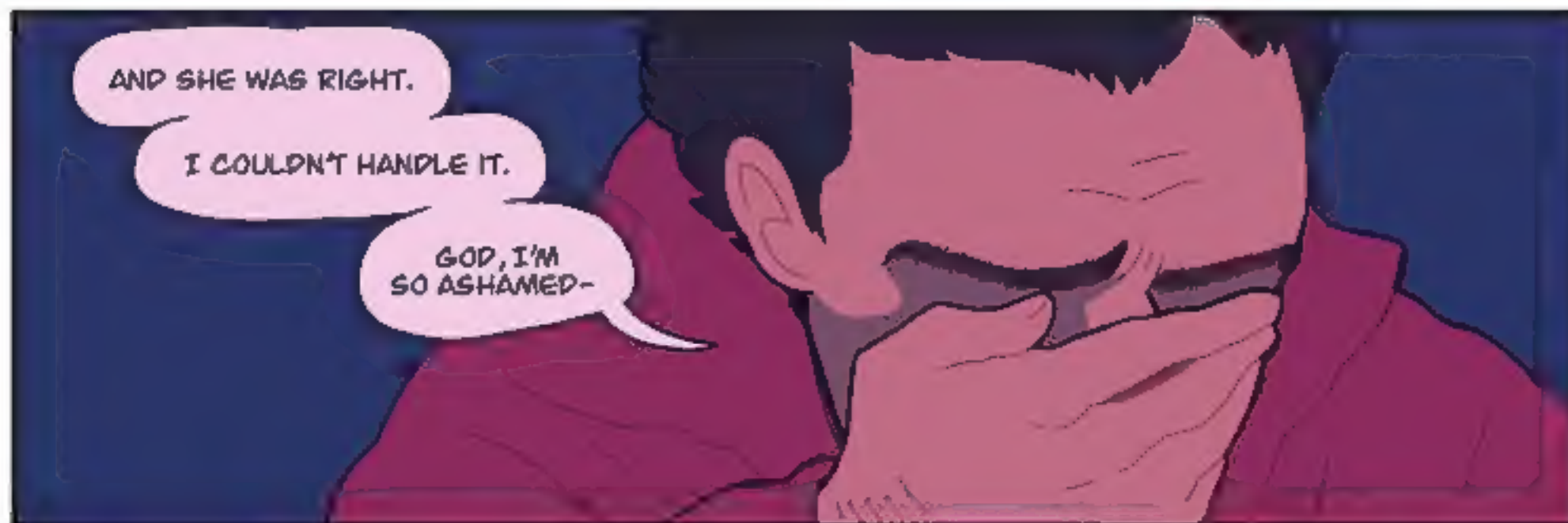








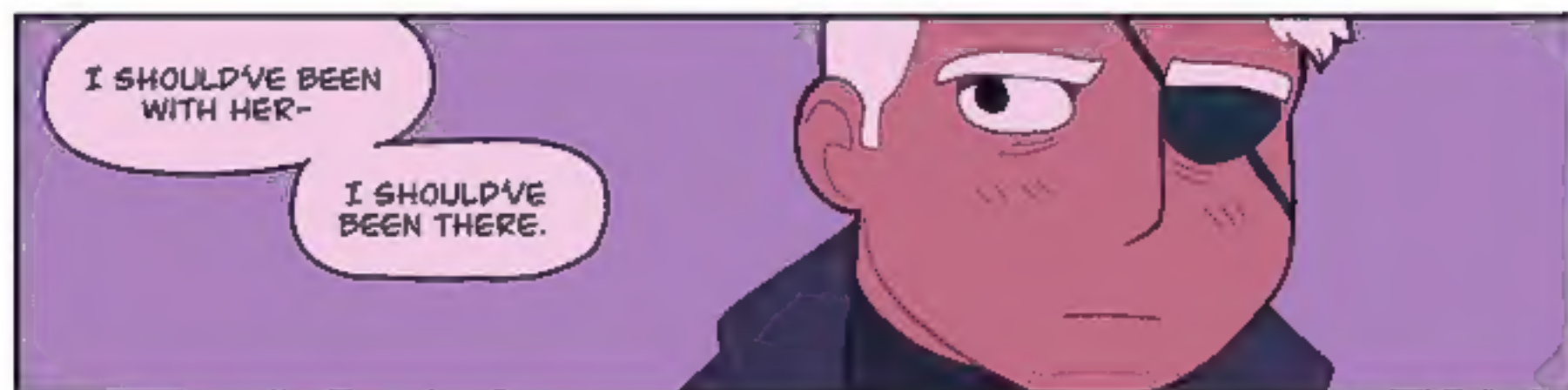




AND SHE WAS RIGHT.

I COULDN'T HANDLE IT.

GOD, I'M
SO ASHAMED-



I SHOULD'VE BEEN
WITH HER-

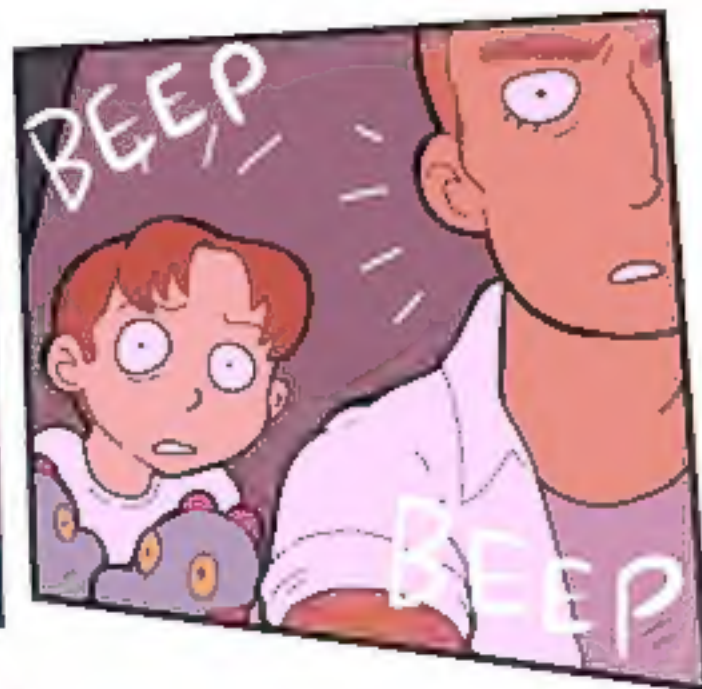
I SHOULD'VE
BEEN THERE.

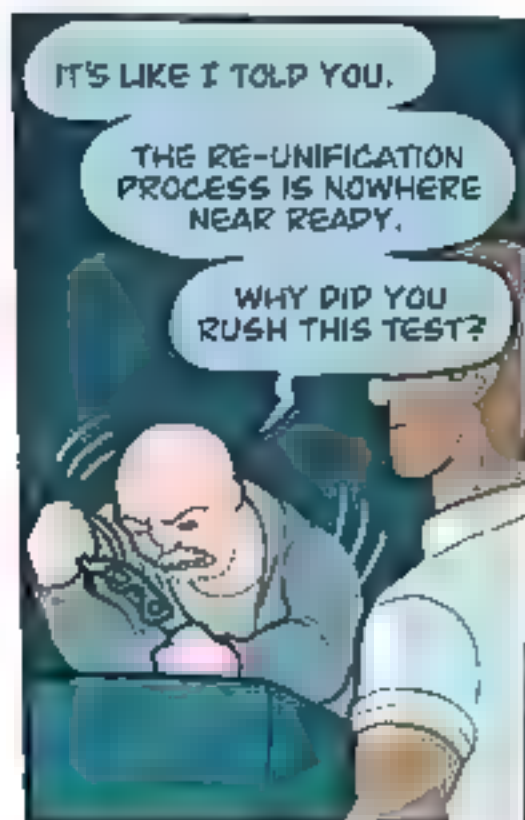
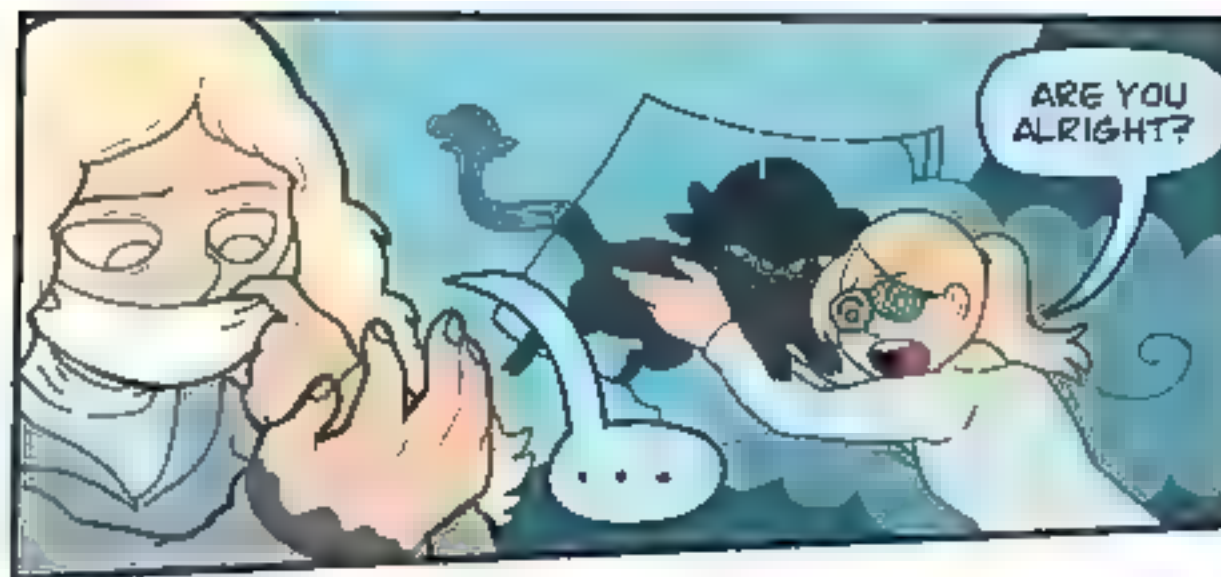


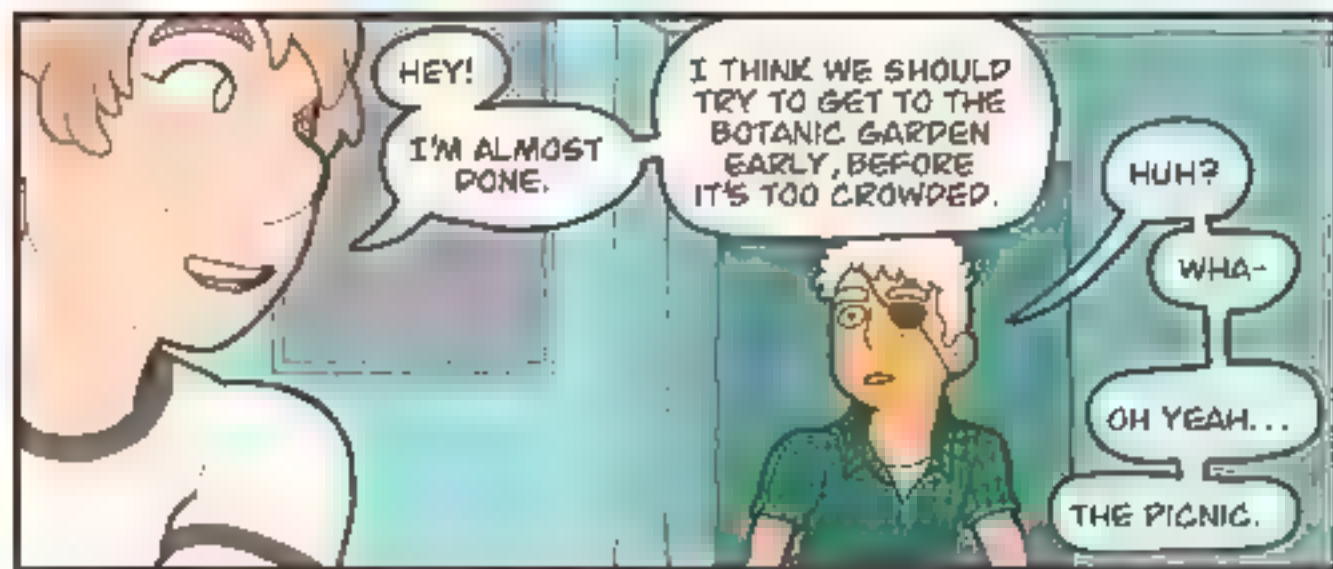
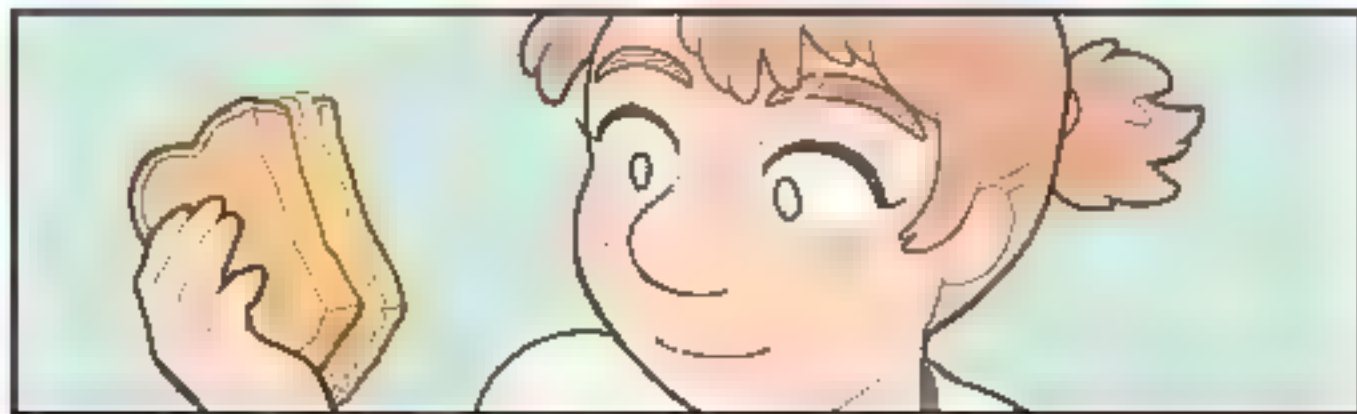
...CAN YOU SHOW ME
HOW TO MAKE THAT
BOW AND ARROW?

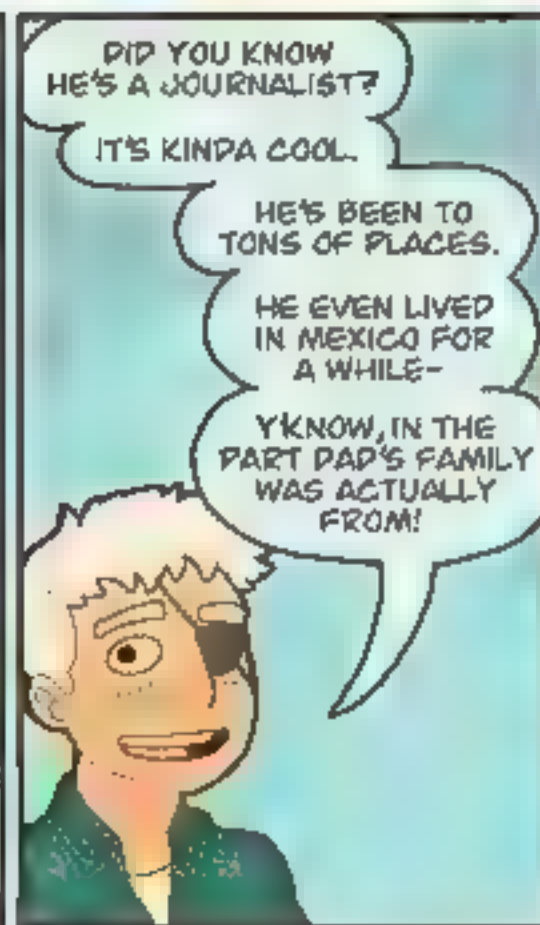


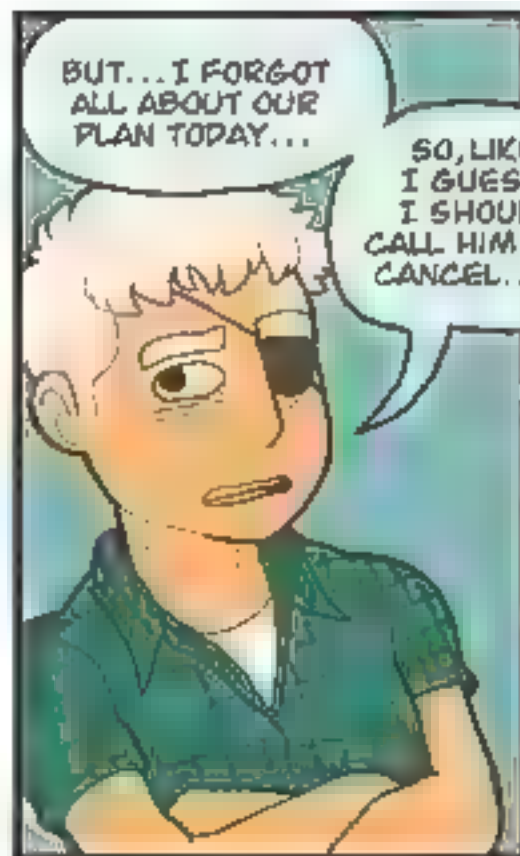




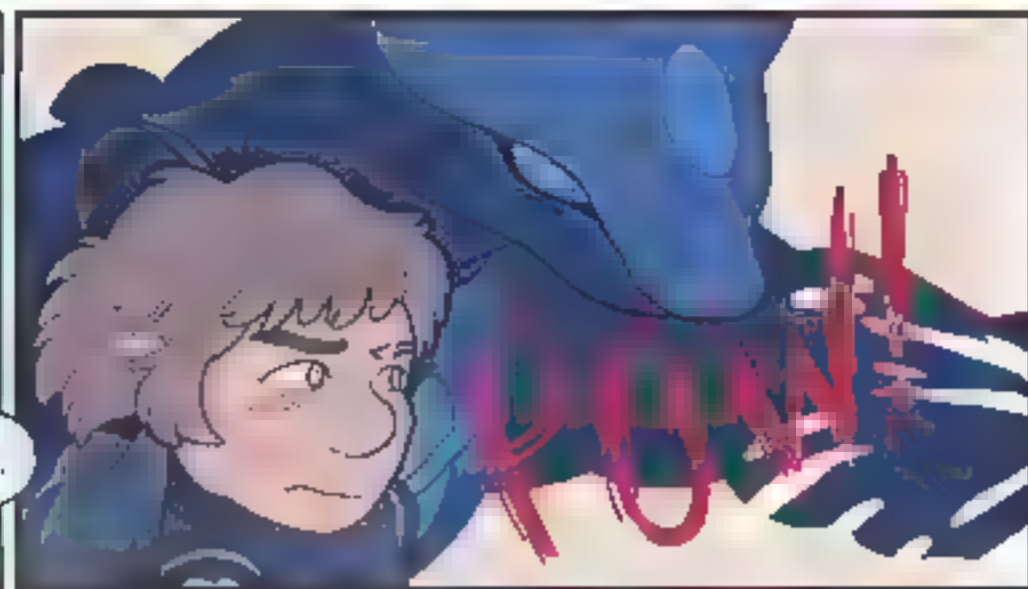
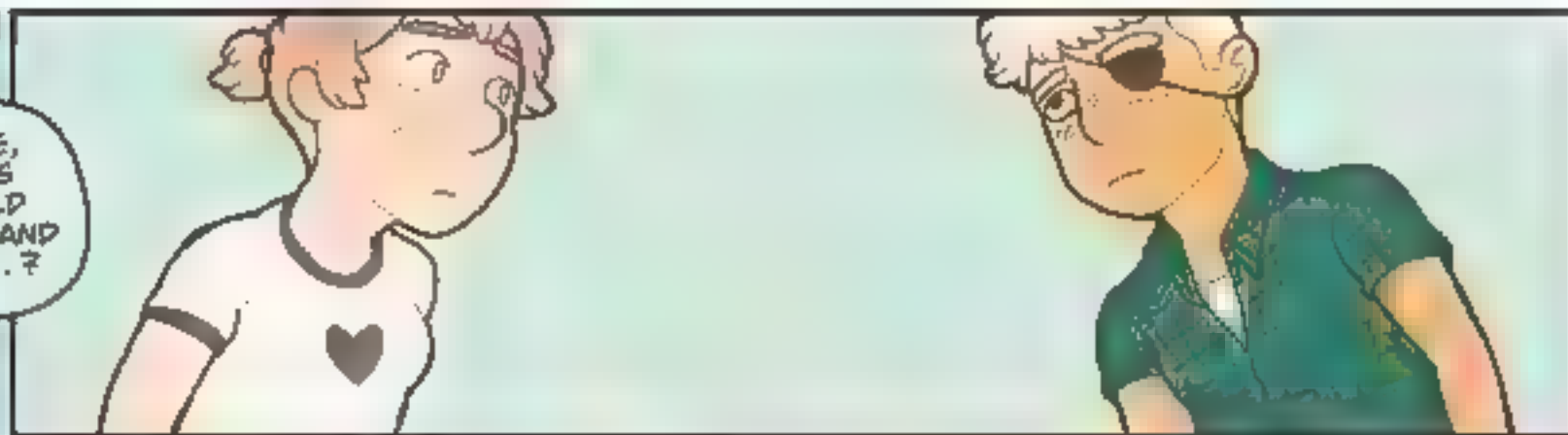


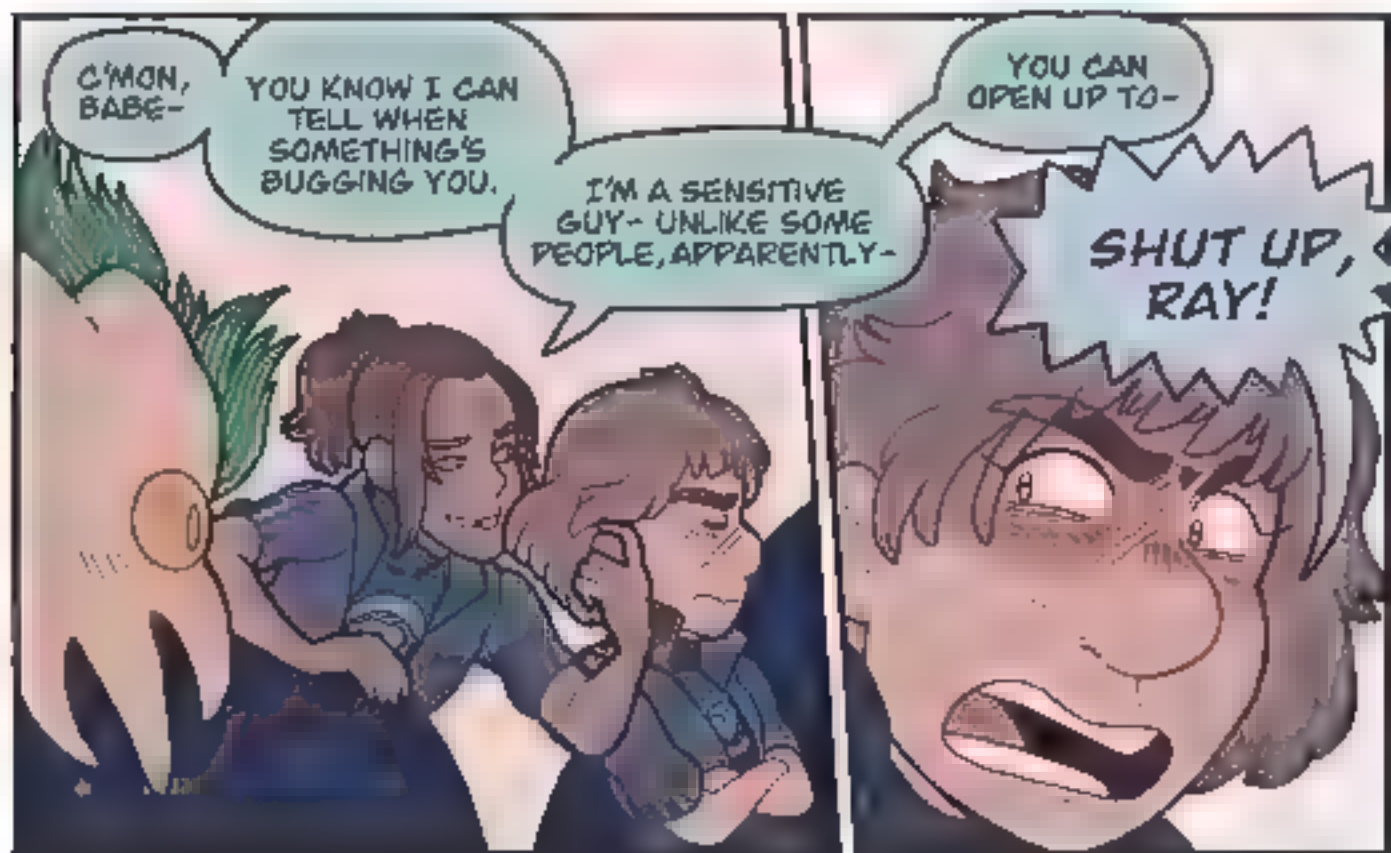
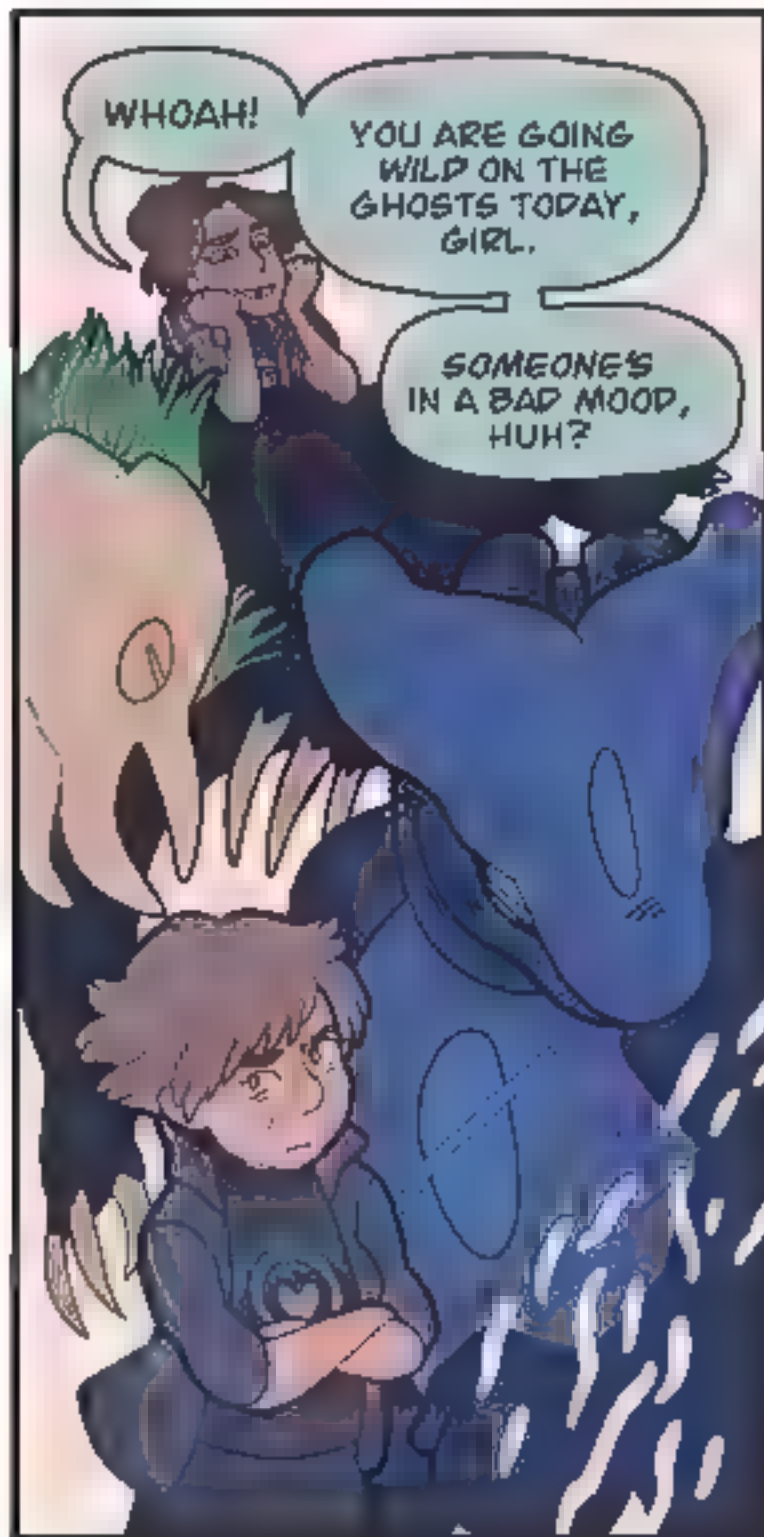




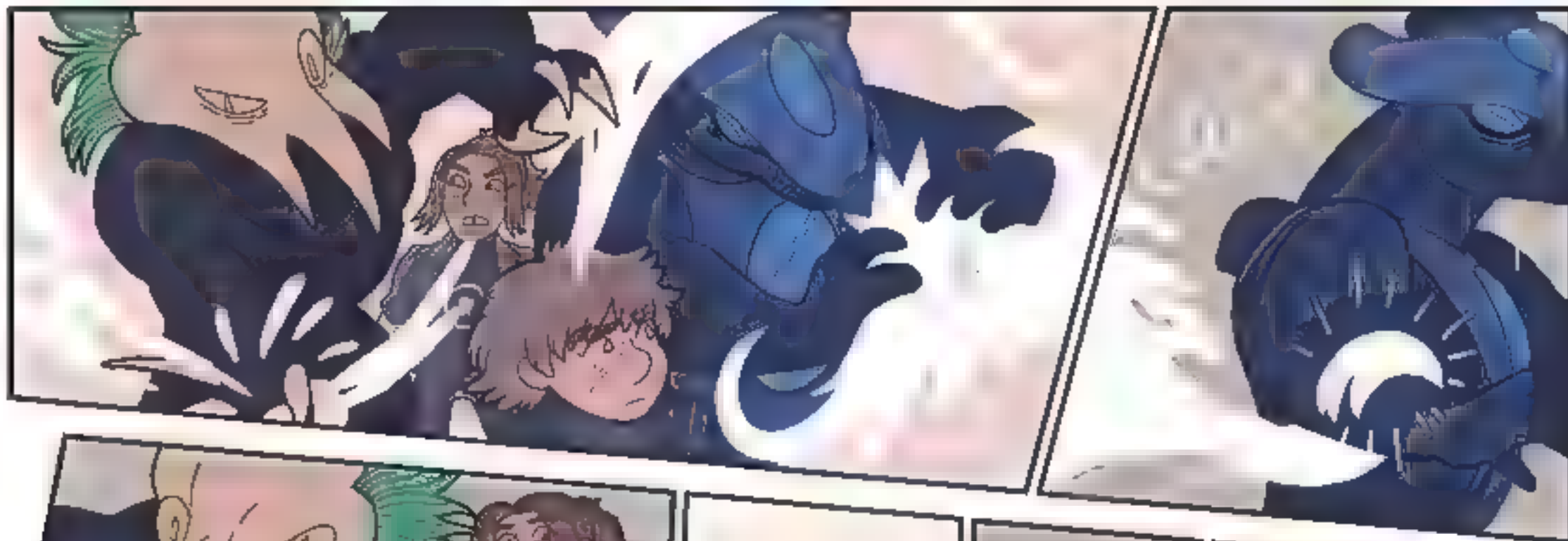


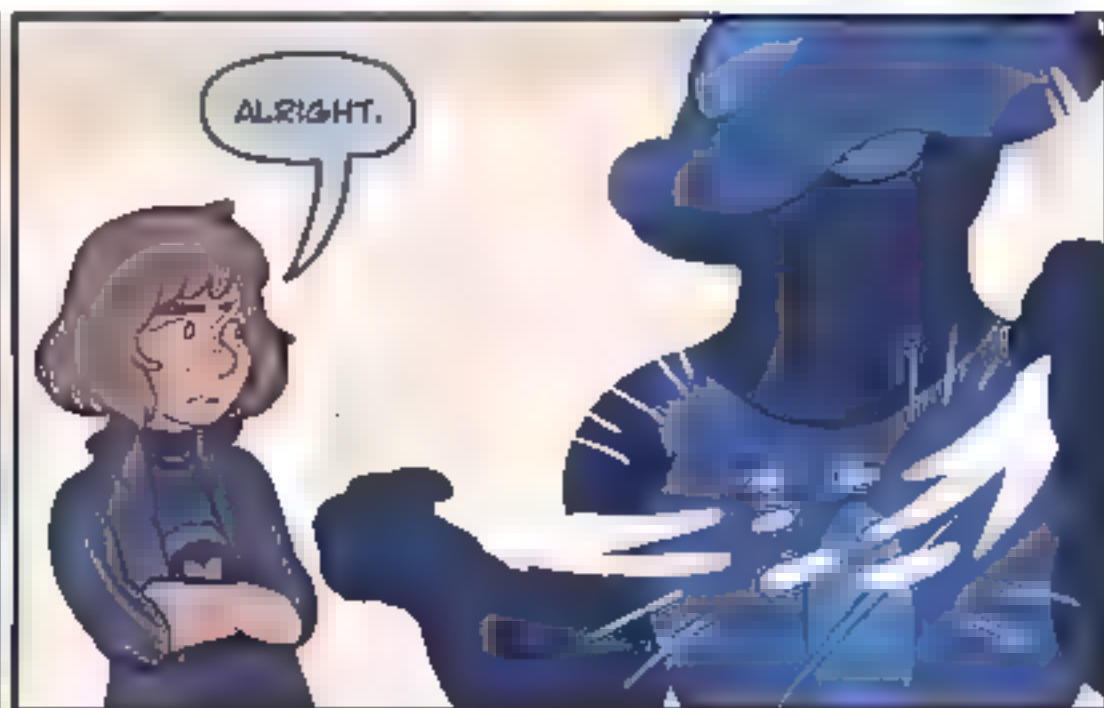
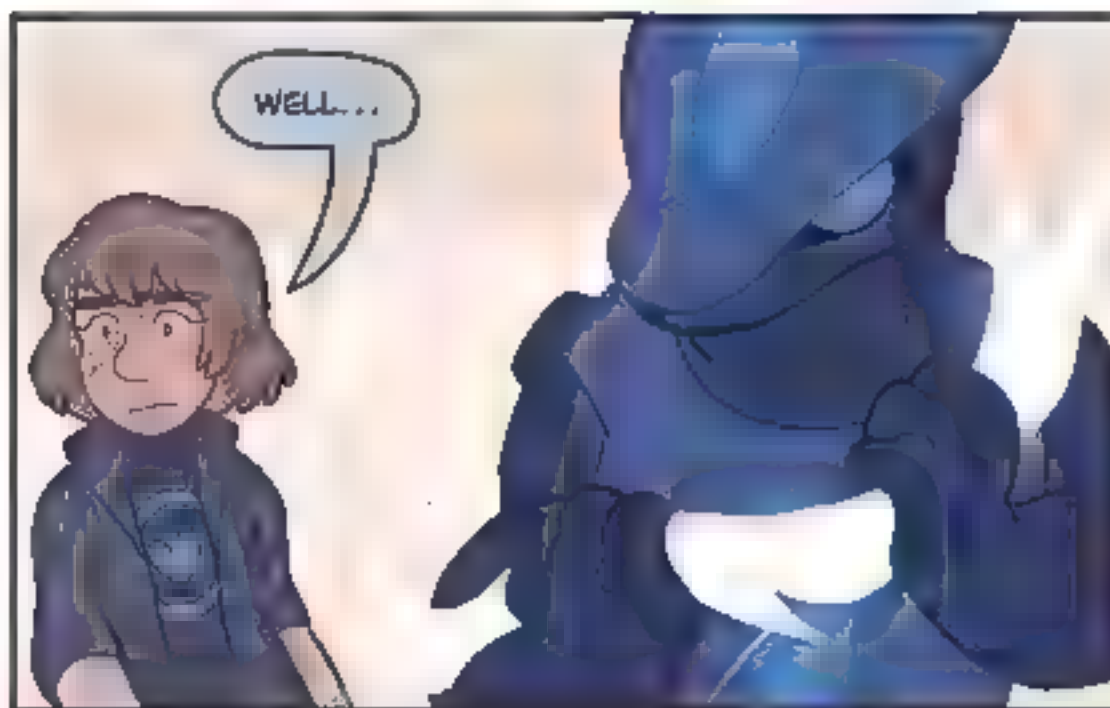
SO, LIKE,
I GUESS
I SHOULD
CALL HIM AND
CANCEL... ?

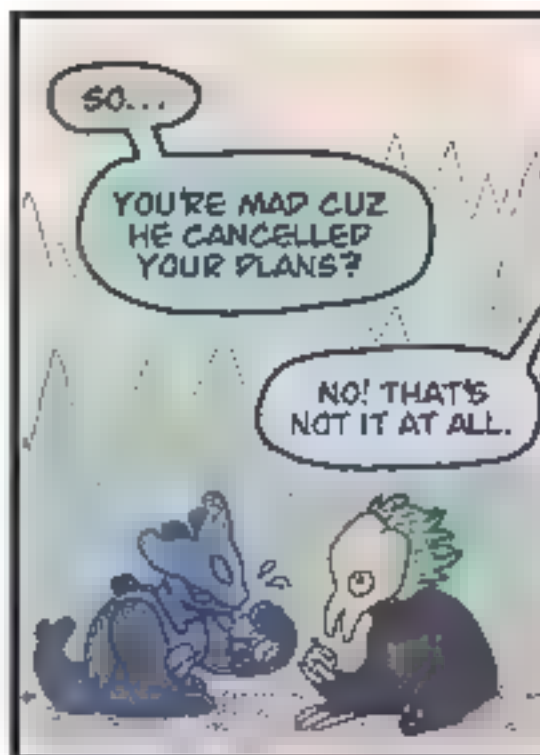














NO...

OF COURSE I DON'T.



BUT SINCE WE'RE, LIKE, TOGETHER-

SHOULDN'T I ALWAYS BE HONEST WITH HIM ABOUT HOW I FEEL?

WELL, I DUNNO.

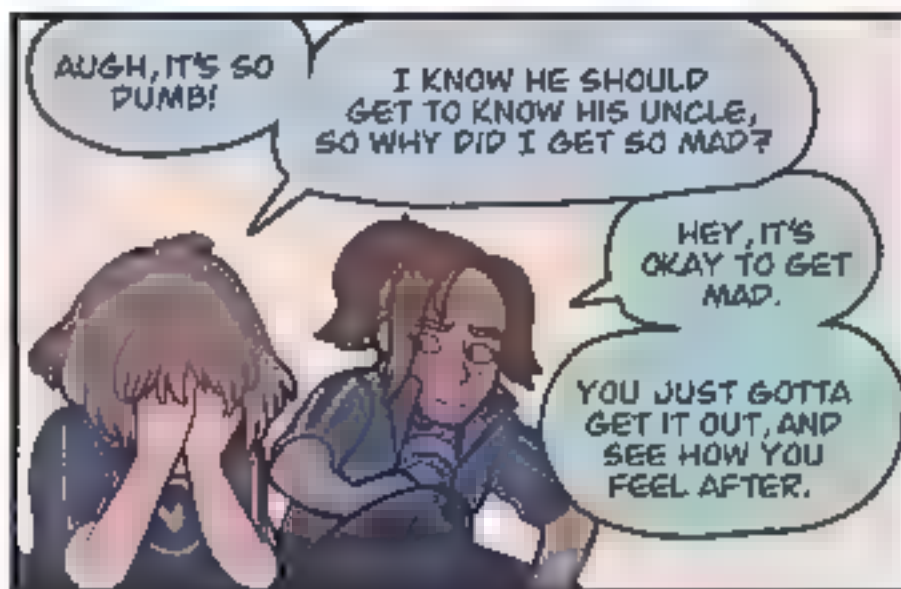
DO YOU THINK IT WOULD DO ANYTHING GOOD?



IN THIS CASE...?

HE ALREADY APOLOGIZED FOR CHANGING STUFF, SO...

I GUESS BRINGING IT UP AGAIN WOULD JUST MAKE US BOTH FEEL WORSE.



AUGH, IT'S SO DUMB!

I KNOW HE SHOULD GET TO KNOW HIS UNCLE, SO WHY DID I GET SO MAD?

HEY, IT'S OKAY TO GET MAD.

YOU JUST GOTTA GET IT OUT, AND SEE HOW YOU FEEL AFTER.

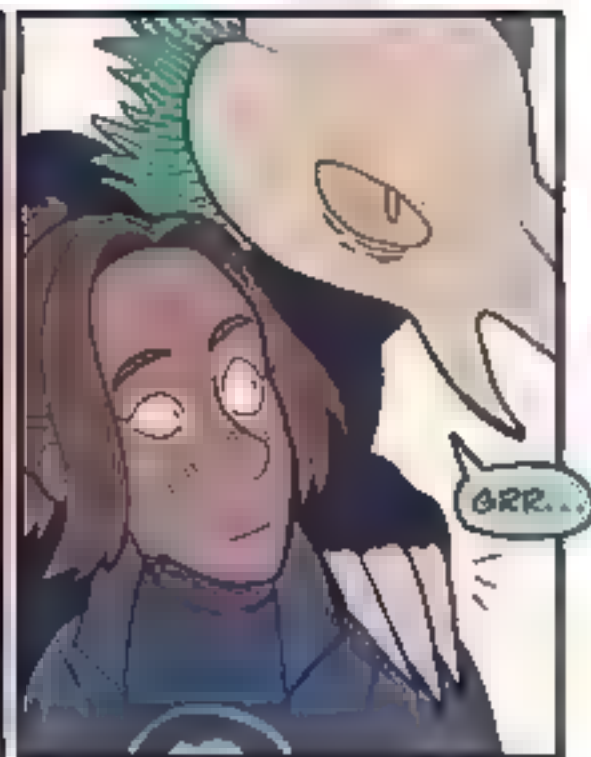


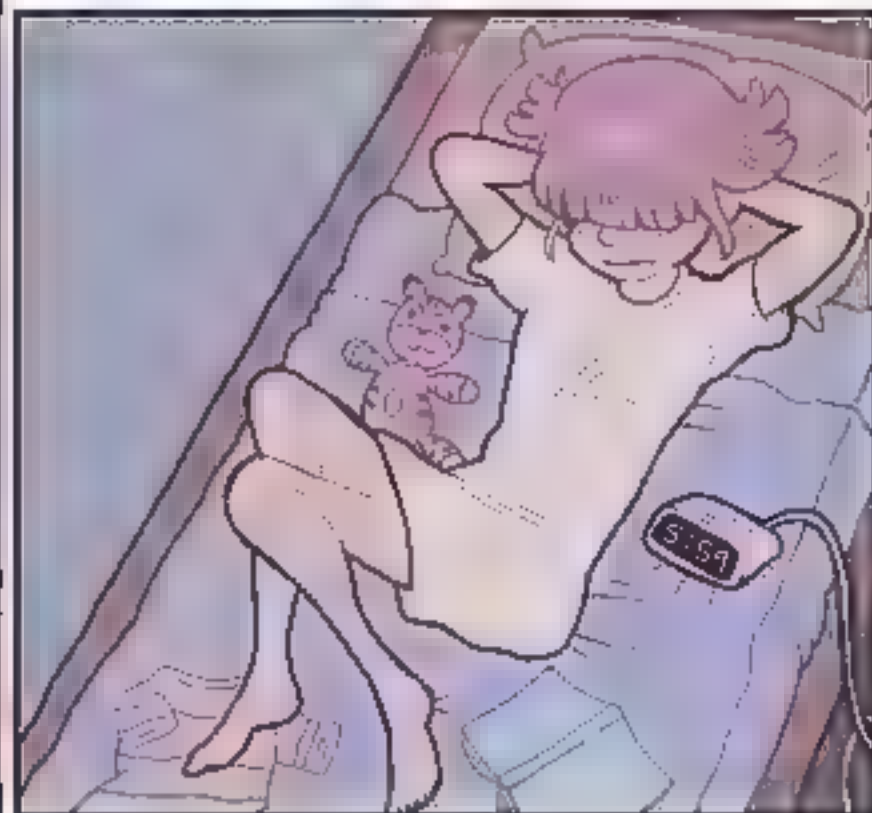
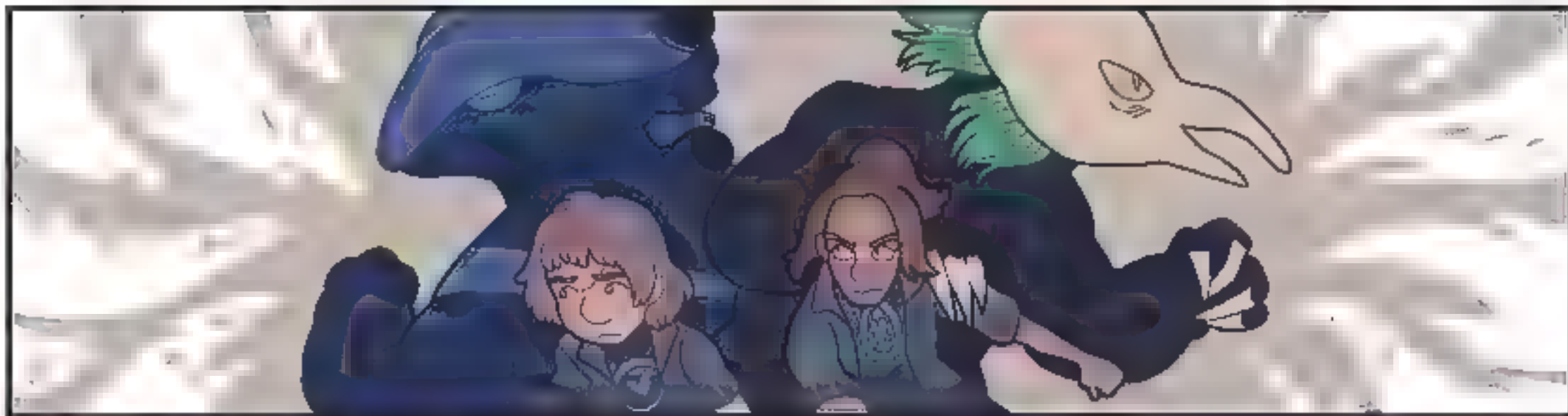
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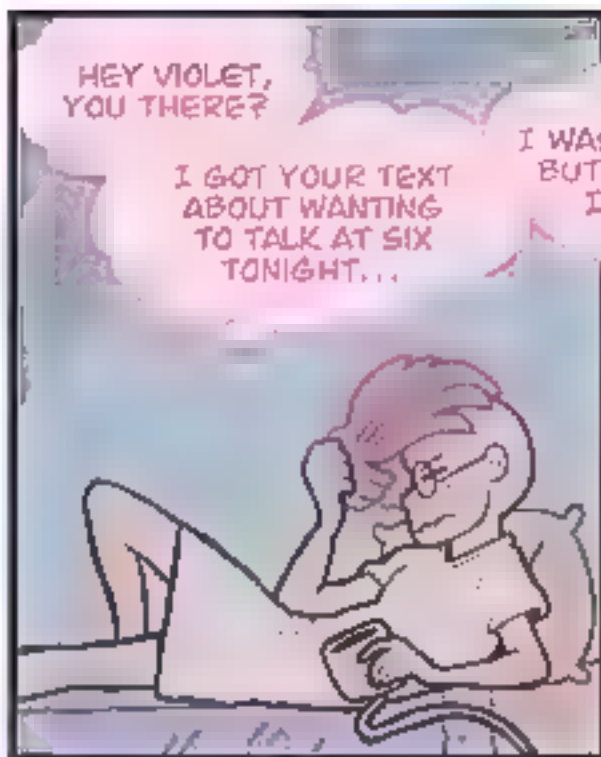
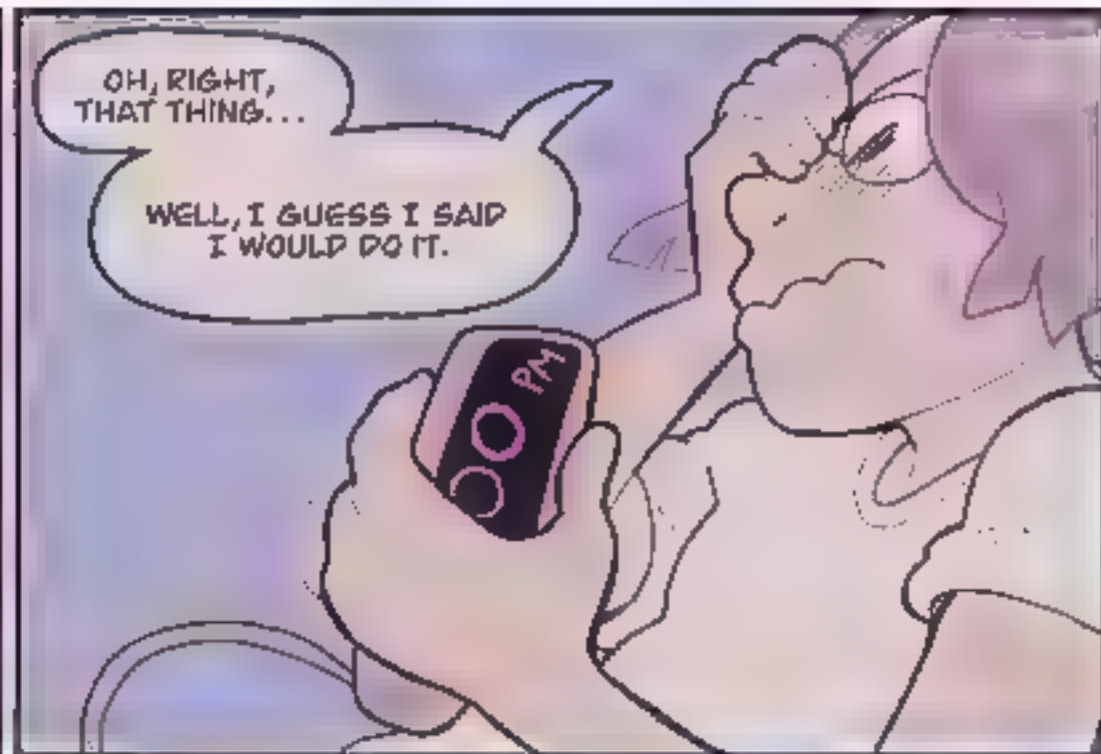
SO IT'S OKAY TO NOT TELL THE TRUTH

IF YOU THINK IT WOULD JUST HURT THEM IF YOU SAID IT?

WOULDN'T THAT BE TEN YEARS, AT MOST?



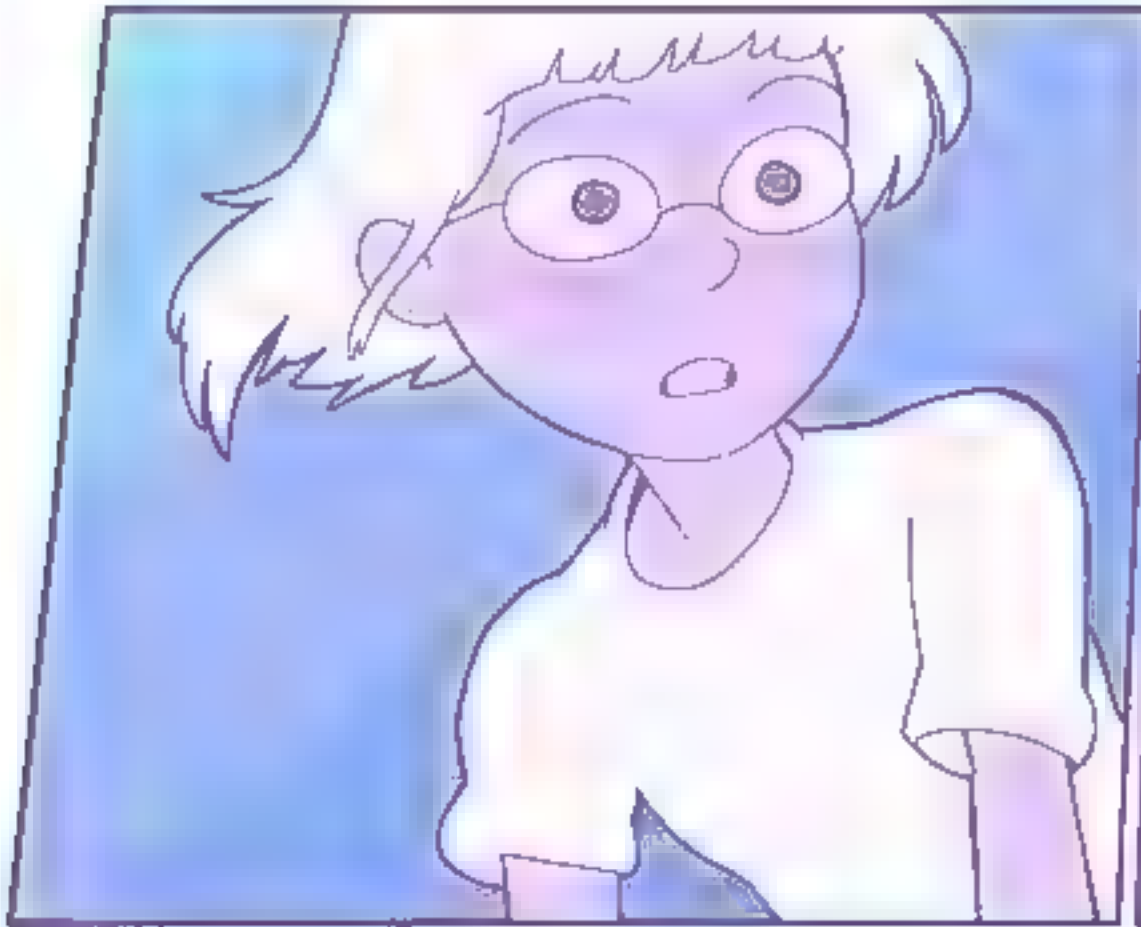


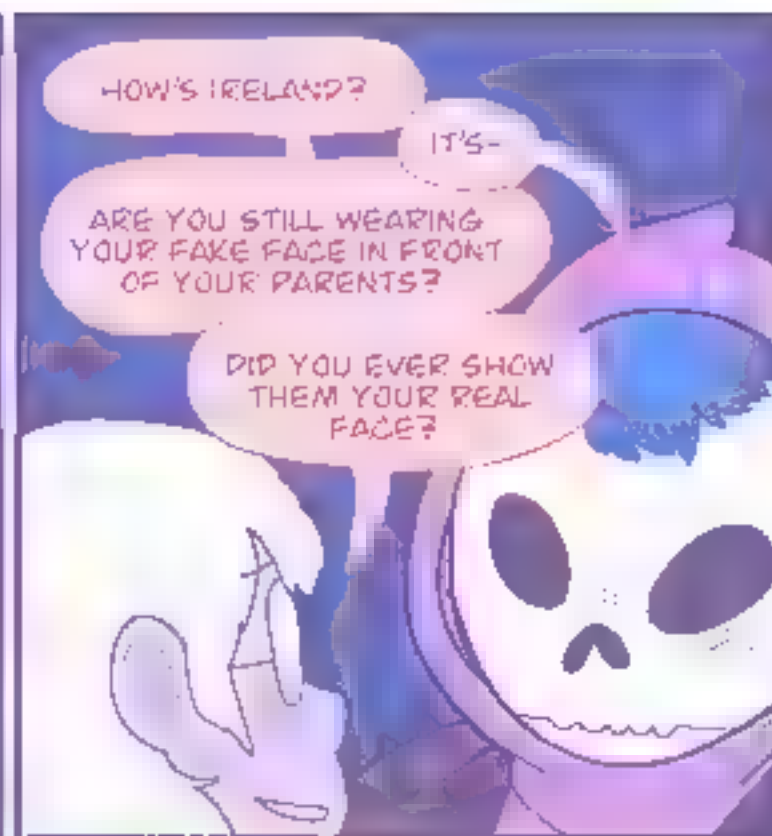


I WAS NAPPING, BUT I GUESS I CAN-













AND HOW DID YOU KNOW I WEAR A WIG AND MAKEUP AND STUFF?

I HAVE HAIR HERE, BUT YOU DIDN'T SEEM SURPRISED, OR ASK ME ABOUT IT.

ER.

WELL.

THAT IS-

SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON.

HEY, WHAT PART OF IRELAND DID YOU SAY YOU WERE BORN IN, AGAIN?

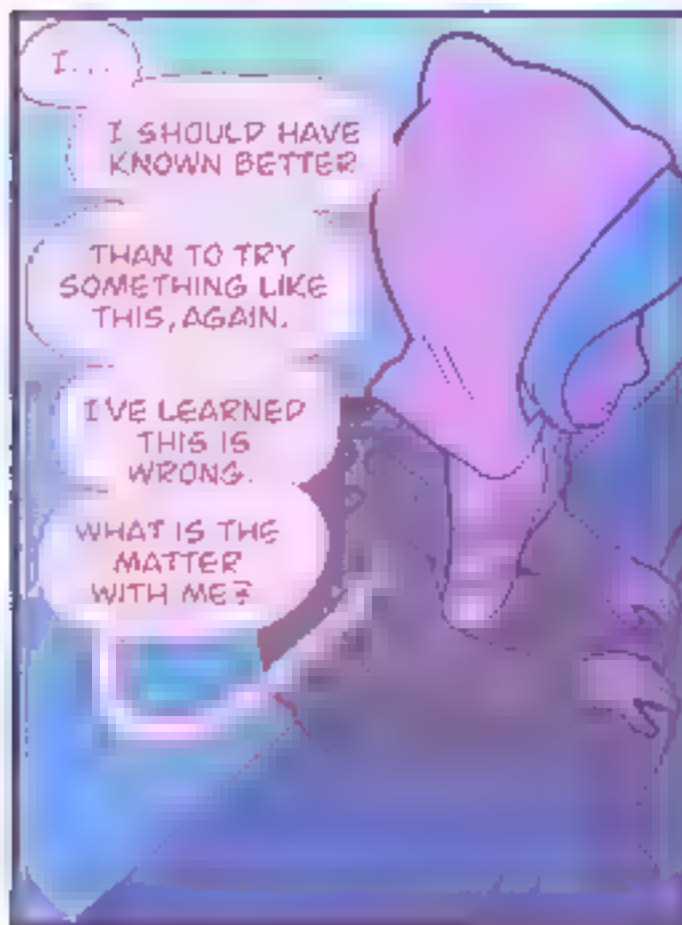
YOU DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?

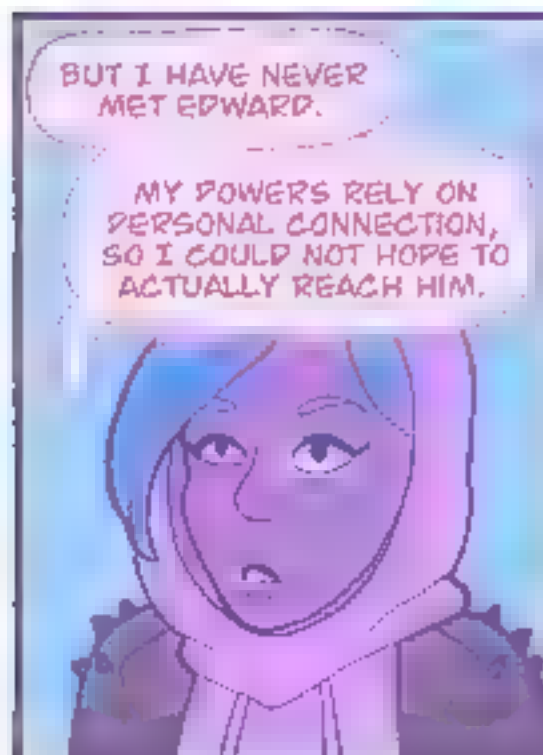
CUZ EDWARD TOLD ME THAT, BUT I FORGOT.

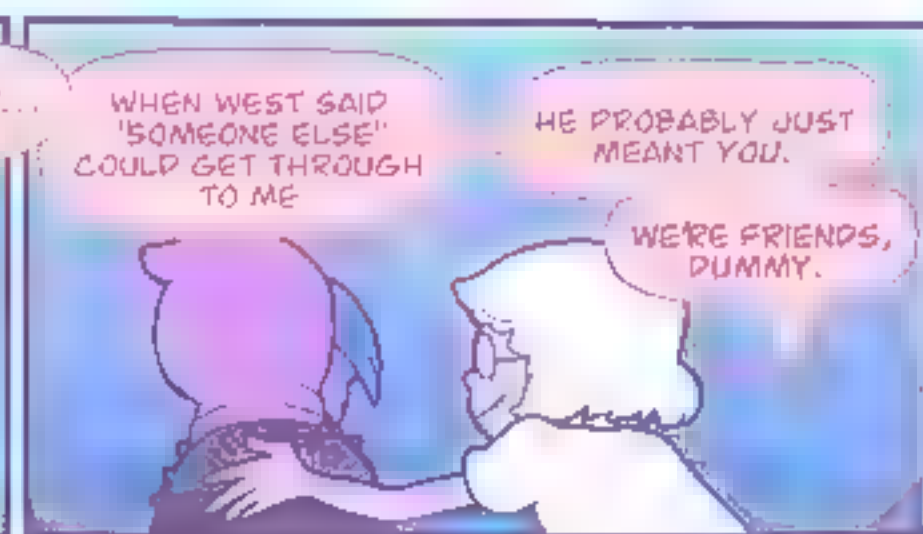
AND IT'S MY MEMORY YOU'RE USING TO PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER-

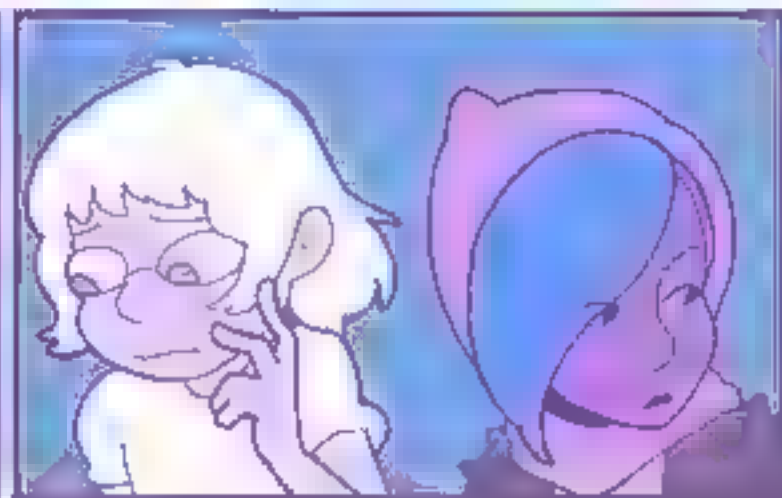
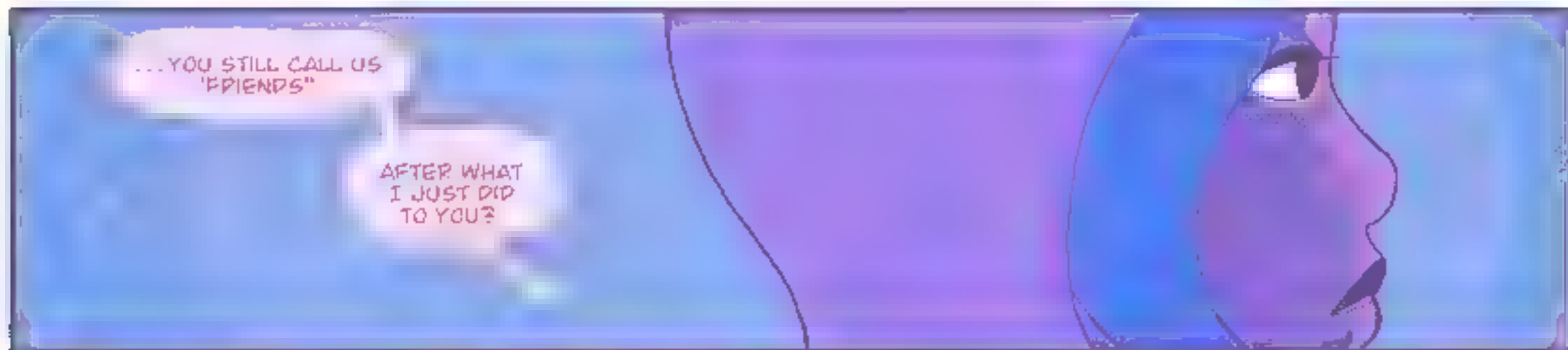
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

VIOLET?!











DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S
A 'SHAME' THAT I'M, LIKE...

WEARING A WIG, AND
LIPSTICK AND STUFF?



...IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF
YOU FELT YOU HAD TO DO IT.

WHAT MADE YOU
DECIDE TO START?

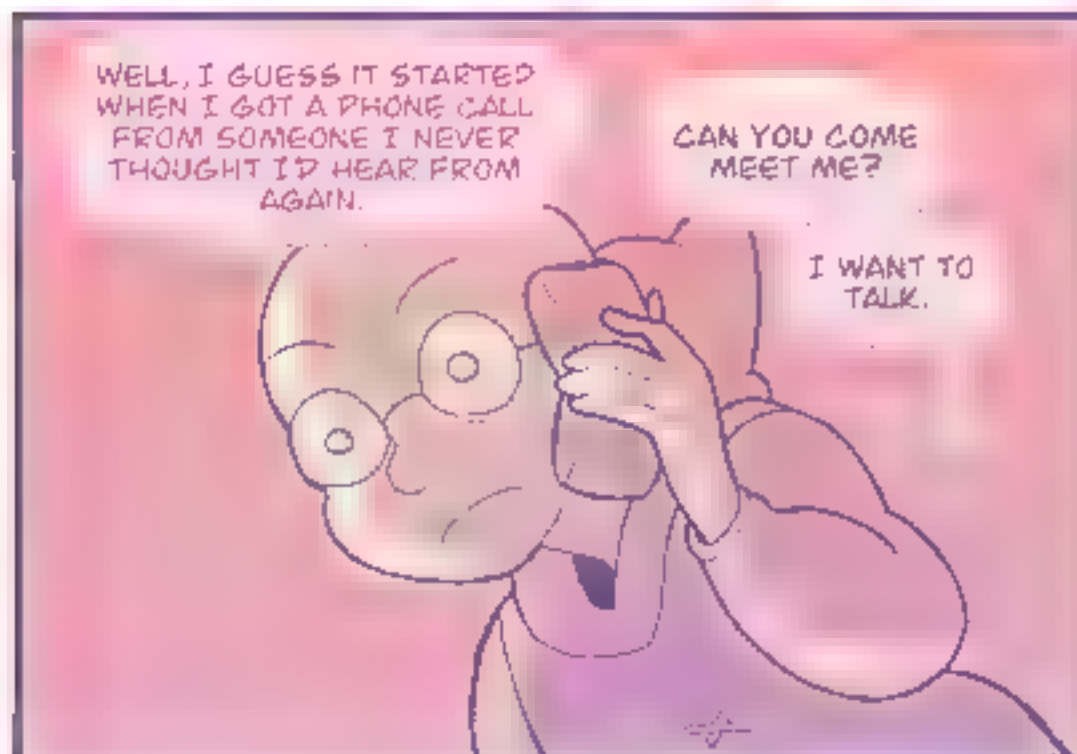
THAT'S THE THING,
IT'S SORT OF HARD
TO EXPLAIN.

CAN'T YOU JUST
REARRANGE MY MIND?



I'D RATHER NOT.

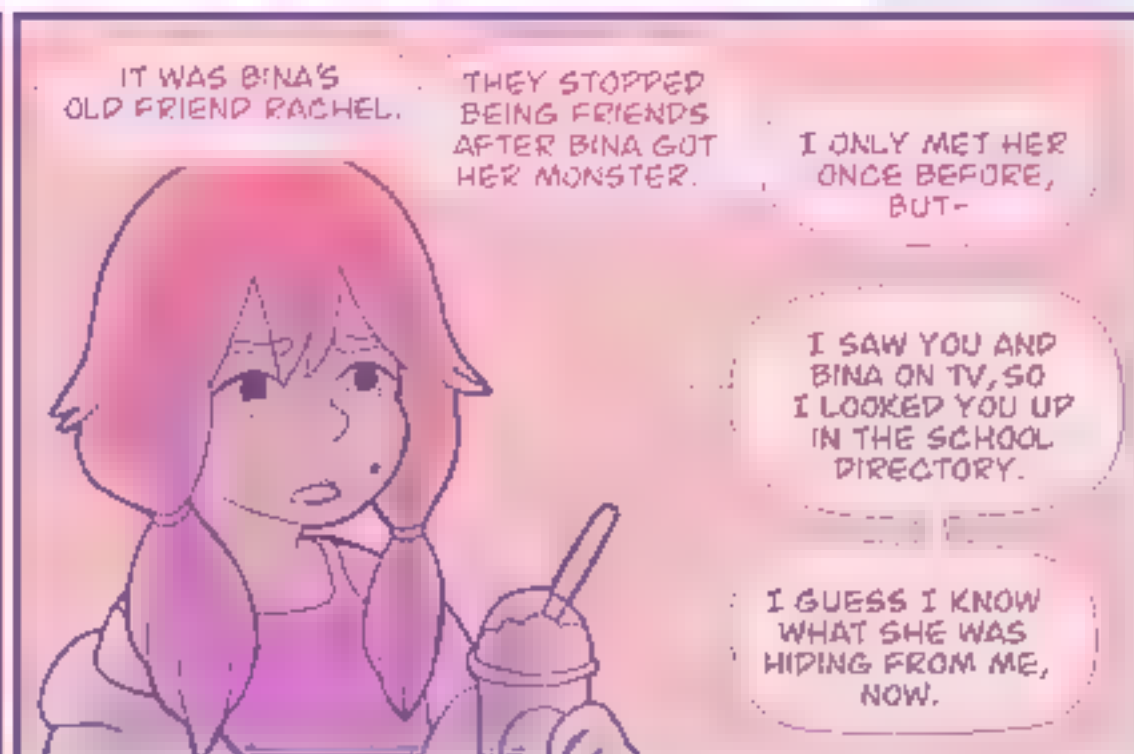
I'D RATHER HEAR
IT FROM YOU.



WELL, I GUESS IT STARTED
WHEN I GOT A PHONE CALL
FROM SOMEONE I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D HEAR FROM
AGAIN.

CAN YOU COME
MEET ME?

I WANT TO
TALK.



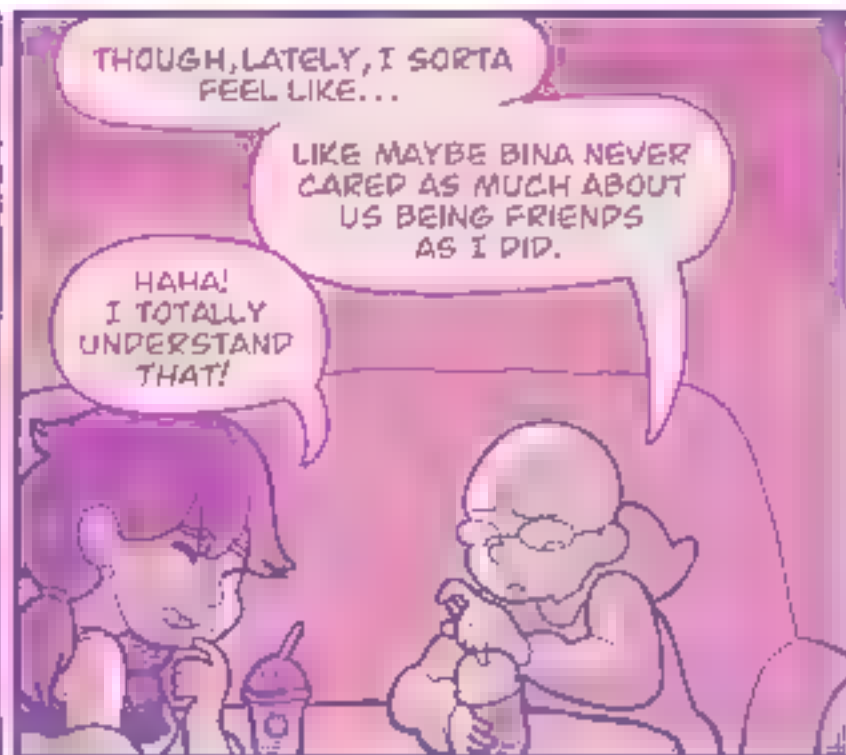
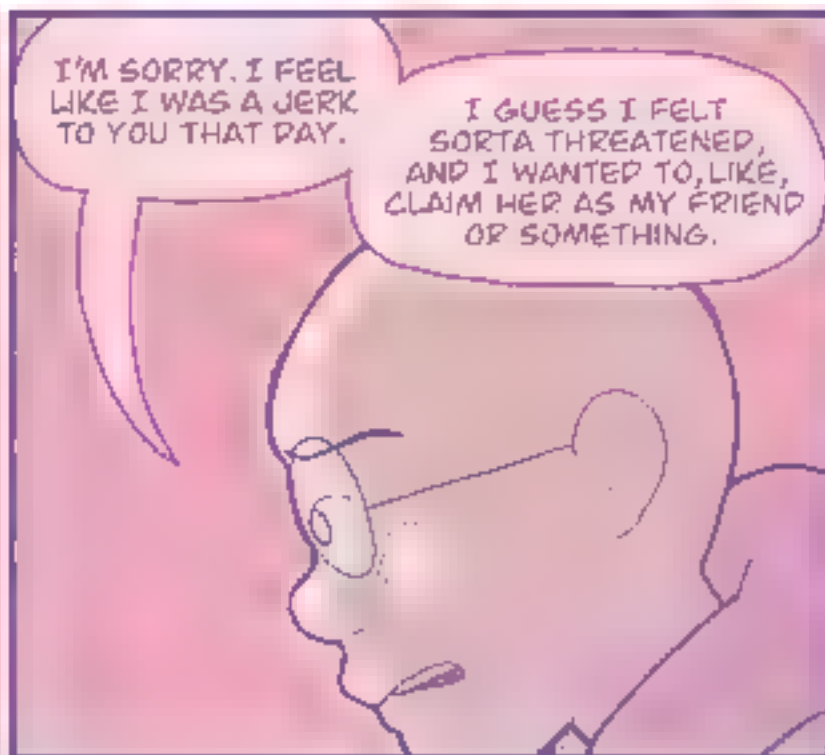
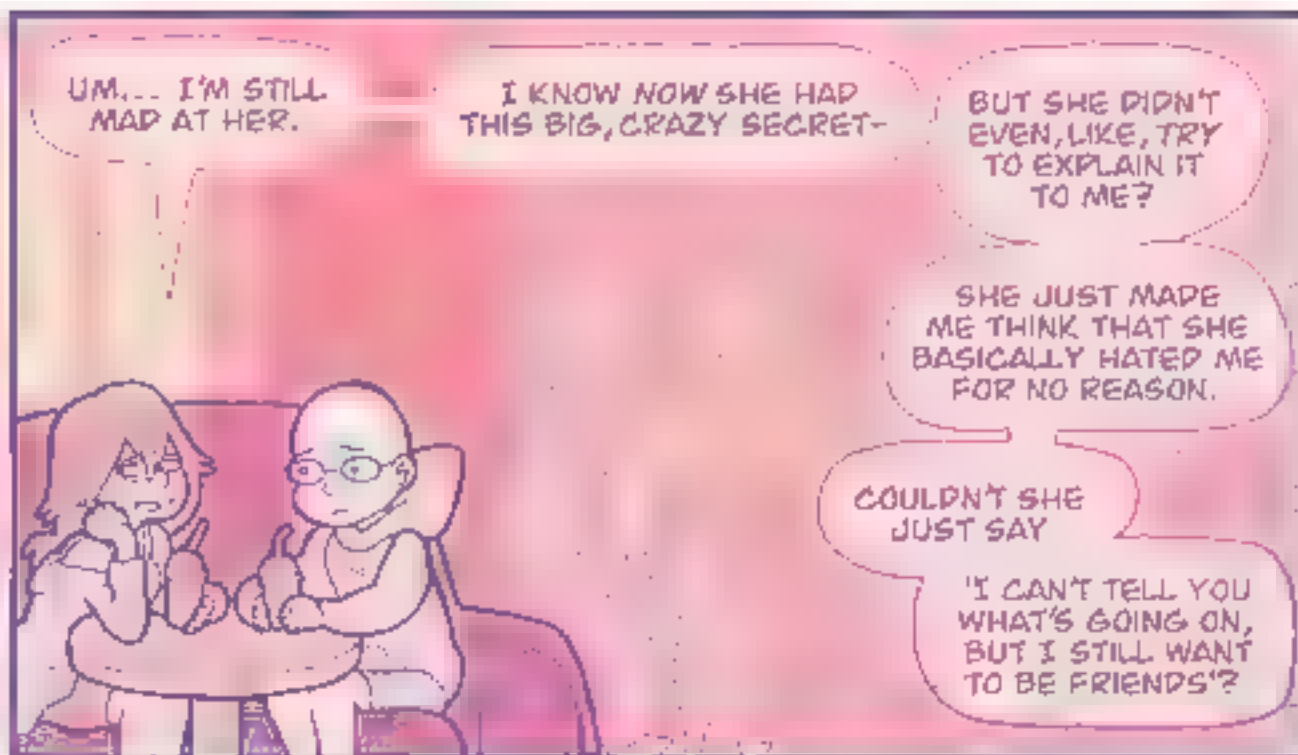
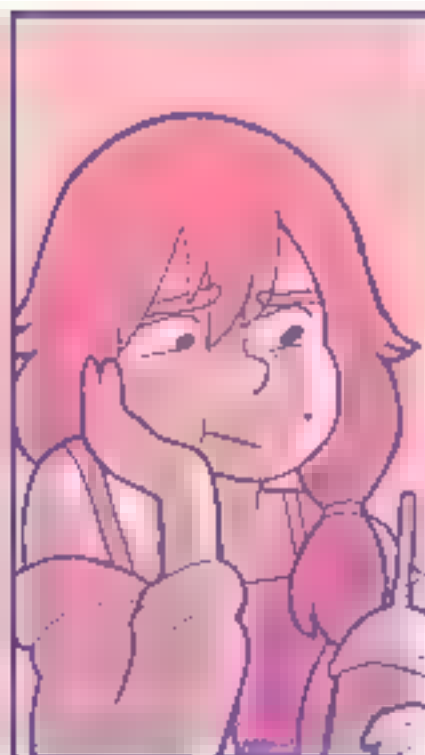
IT WAS BINA'S
OLD FRIEND RACHEL.

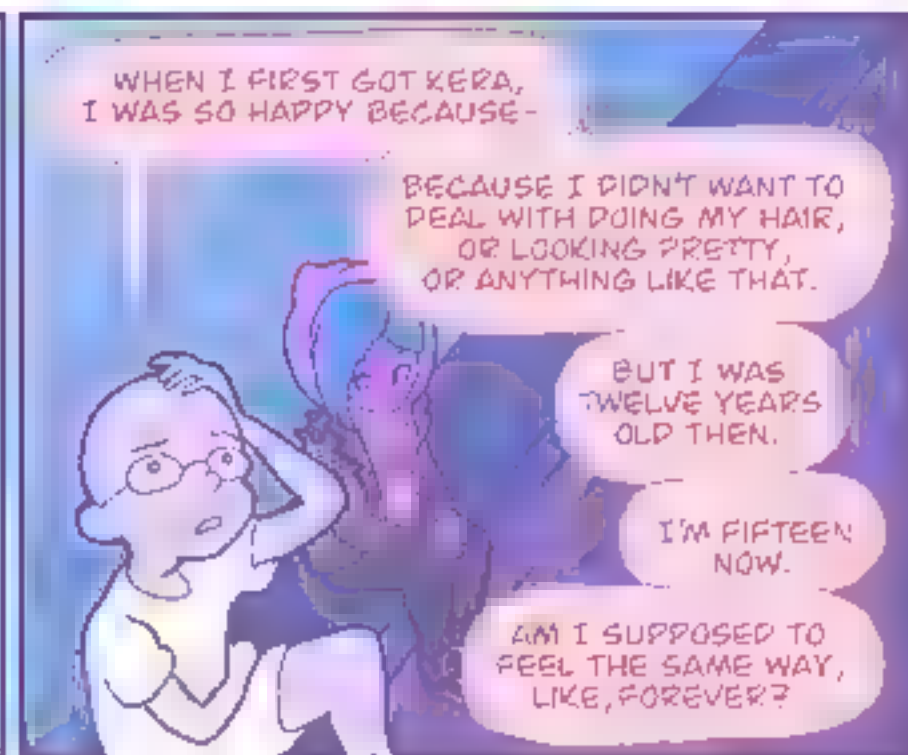
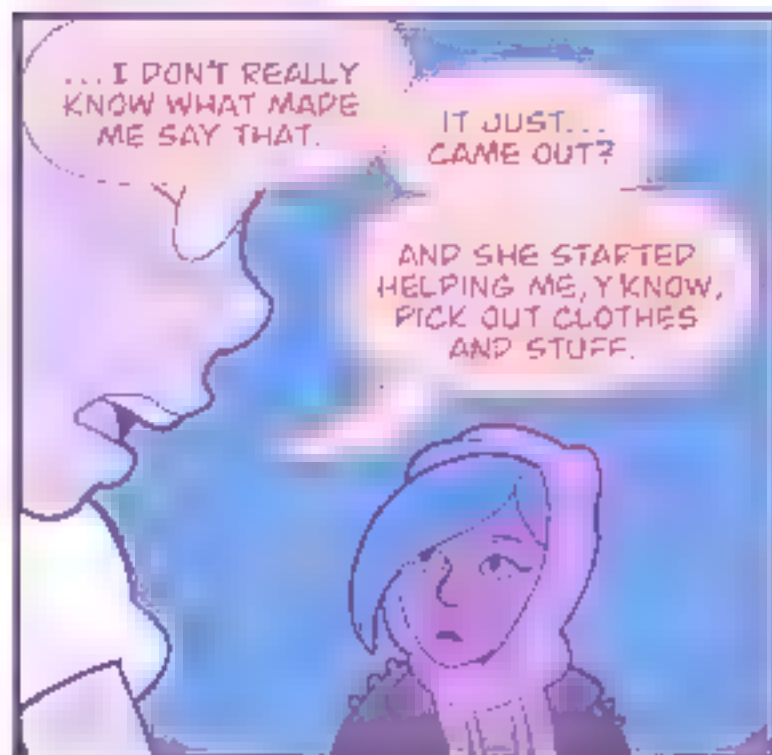
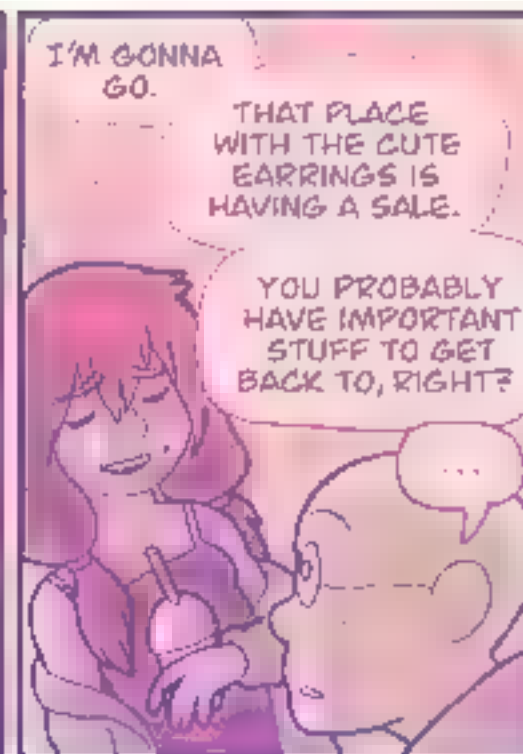
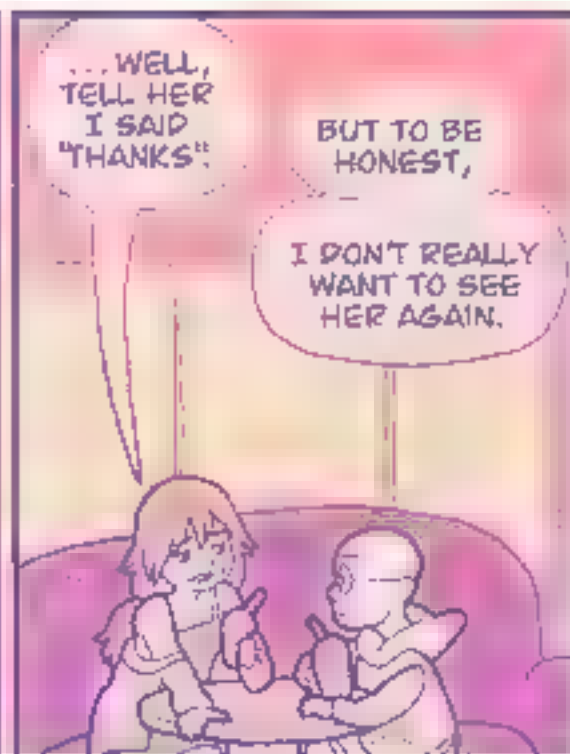
THEY STOPPED
BEING FRIENDS
AFTER BINA GOT
HER MONSTER.

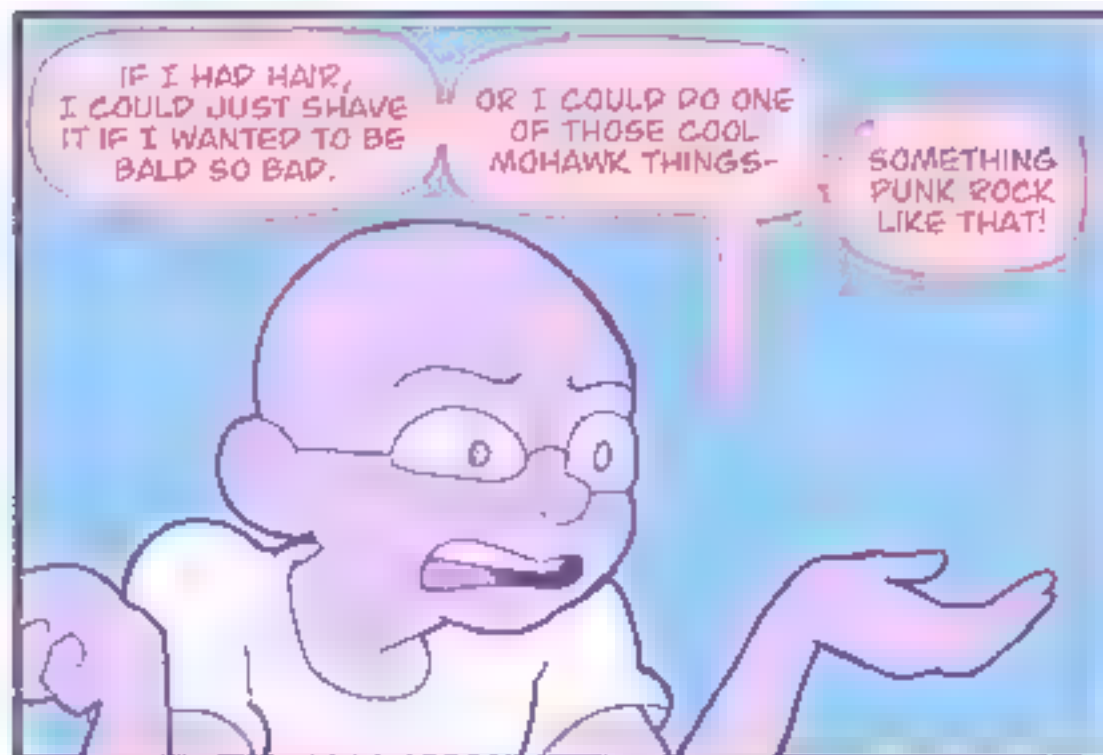
I ONLY MET HER
ONCE BEFORE,
BUT-

I SAW YOU AND
BINA ON TV, SO
I LOOKED YOU UP
IN THE SCHOOL
DIRECTORY.

I GUESS I KNOW
WHAT SHE WAS
HIDING FROM ME,
NOW.









JULIE.

I TRY NOT TO
READ THOUGHTS
ANYMORE.

BUT THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN I CAN'T
HELP BUT CATCH
A GLIMPSE OF
SOMEONE'S MIND.

I KNOW
FOR CERTAIN

THERE IS NOTHING
FAKE ABOUT YOU.

AND THERE
NEVER HAS
BEEN.

THE WAY YOU DRESS IS NOT
WHAT MAKES US LOVE YOU.

SO PLEASE DO
WHATEVER YOU
WANT.

I ...

WELL...

TH-THAT'S
GOOD.





